

E. Protege Firms

Department of Energy Protege candidates must be:

(1) A small disadvantaged, 8(a), or woman-owned small business concern in operation for two years as defined by the Small Business Administration.

(2) Eligible for receipt of government contracts, and;

(3) In operation and actively engaged in an energy related, technical or construction business field for two years.

F. Selection of Protege Firms

(1) Proteges may be selected from each of the following areas:

(a) Small disadvantaged and women-owned businesses that presently have contracts or subcontracts with the Department;

(b) Small disadvantaged and women-owned businesses that are presently 8(a) or 8(a) graduates under the Small Business Administration Program.

(c) Emerging small disadvantaged and women-owned business firms that possess energy related or technical capability and have been actively engaged in business for at least two years.

G. Agreement Contents

(1) Once a protege firm has been selected for participation in the program, a Mentor-Protege Plan signed by the respective firms shall be submitted to the Office of Economic Impact and Diversity/Office of Small Disadvantaged Business Utilization for approval. The Plan shall contain a description of the developmental assistance that is mutually agreed upon and in the best developmental interest of the protege firm, not to exceed ten (10) typed pages.

(2) The Mentor-Protege Plan shall also include information on the mentor's ability to provide developmental assistance, schedule for providing such assistance, and criteria for evaluating the protege's developmental success. The Plan shall include termination provisions complying with Notice and due process rights of both parties and a statement agreeing to submit periodic report reviews and cooperate in any studies or surveys as may be required by the Department in order to determine the extent of compliance with the terms of the agreement.

(3) The submitted Mentor-Protege Agreement shall be reviewed by a Department of Energy committee consisting of representatives of the Office of Procurement and Assistance Management, the Office of Economic Impact and Diversity, and a Small

Business Manager affiliated with the DOE Field Operations Offices.

The committee may recommend acceptance of the submitted Agreement if the Agreement is in compliance with Department of Energy Mentor-Protege guidelines.

H. Measurement of Program Success

The overall success of the Mentor-Protege Initiative will be measured by the extent to which it results in:

(1) An increase in the protege firm's technical and business capability, industrial competitiveness, client base expansion and improved financial stability.

(2) An increase in the number and value of contracts, subcontracts and suppliers by small disadvantaged business protege firms in industry categories where small disadvantaged businesses have not traditionally participated.

(3) The overall enhancement and development of protege firms as a competitive contractor, subcontractor, or supplier to the Department of Energy, other Federal agencies or commercial markets.

I. Review and Approval of Mentor-Protege Agreements

(1) All mentor-protege agreements shall be reviewed and approved by the Department of Energy's Office of Economic Impact and Diversity/Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization.

(2) Upon agreement approval, the mentor may implement the developmental assistance under the program.

(3) Proteges may seek multiple mentors provided, conflict of interest provisions would not prevent such an arrangement and the approval of the Office of Economic Impact and Diversity/Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization is received.

J. Internal Controls by the Department

(1) The Department of Energy's Office of Economic Impact and Diversity/Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization will manage the program and establish internal controls to achieve the stated program objectives. Controls will include:

(a) Reviewing and evaluating mentor-protege agreements for goals and objectives; and

(b) Reviewing semi-annual progress reports submitted by mentors and proteges on protege development to measure protege progress against the approved agreement.

(c) Requesting and reviewing periodic reports and any studies or surveys as may be required by the Department.

K. Non Performance

(1) Failure of the mentor to meet the terms of the Mentor-Protege Agreement may have an adverse affect on future award fees.

(2) Failure of the protege to meet the terms of the Mentor-Protege Agreement may result in termination of the agreement by the mentor and exclusion from future participation in the Mentor-Protege Initiative.

L. Program Review

At the conclusion of each year in the Mentor-Protege Initiative the mentor and protege will formally brief the Department of Energy Office of Economic Impact and Diversity/Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, regarding program accomplishments as it pertains to the approved agreement. The briefing may be held at either the Department of Energy Headquarters or the mentor or protege's site.

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Director, Office of Economic Impact and Diversity.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP95-61-000 and CP95-62-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Majorsville/Crawford Storage Project

June 5, 1995.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) in the above-referenced dockets.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of temporary deactivation of the existing Majorsville-

Heard Storage Complex over the next 13 years and the construction and operation of additional natural gas storage facilities at the Crawford Storage Field.

Deactivation at the Majorsville-Heard Storage Complex in Greene and Washington Counties, Pennsylvania and Marshall County, West Virginia could involve:

- Abandonment or relocation of up to 60 miles of existing pipeline; and
- Abandonment of up to 238 wells.

Additional facilities proposed at the Crawford Storage Field in Fairfield and Hocking Counties, Ohio include:

- Installation of 0.66 mile of electronic measurement cable;
- Replacement of 3.75 miles of pipeline;
- Construction of 0.95 mile of new pipeline;
- Drilling of four new wells;
- Modifications at the Crawford Compressor Station; and
- Installation of other appurtenant facilities, including wellhead measurement stations, well tie-ins, launchers/receivers, and an anode bed.

Temporary deactivation of the Majorsville-Heard Storage Complex is required to prevent damage to wells and pipelines from longwall coal mining that is in progress within the storage complex. The proposed facilities at the Crawford Storage Field would be used to offset the temporary deactivation of the Majorsville-Heard Storage Complex and would increase design day deliverability by 67.2 million cubic feet per day and storage capability by 5 billion cubic feet.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 941 North Capitol Street, N.E., Room 3104, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, state and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

A limited number of copies of the EA are available from: Ms. Laura Turner, EA Project Manager, Environmental Review and Compliance Branch II, Office of Pipeline Regulation, Room 7312, 825 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-0916.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Written comments must reference Docket Nos. CP95-61-000 and CP95-62-000, and be addressed to: Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,

825 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Comments should be filed as soon as possible, but must be received no later than June 30, 1995, to ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on this proposal. A copy of any comments should also be sent to Ms. Laura Turner, EA Project Manager, Room 7312, at the above address.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentor a party to the proceeding. EA Project Manager, Room 7312, at the above address.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentor a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214).

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Additional information about this project is available from Ms. Laura Turner, EA Project Manager.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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Comtu Falls Corp.; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

June 5, 1995.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47910), the Office of Hydropower Licensing (OHL) reviewed the proposed downstream fish passage plan (plan), filed on October 24, 1994, pursuant to Commission order issued September 22, 1994, for the Comtu Falls Project. The plan would replace about 33 feet of the 2-foot-high flashboards adjacent to a proposed discharge weir with a 2-foot-high fixed concrete crest. A 2.5 foot wide by 2.0 foot high discharge weir would be opened in this concrete cap at the west abutment of the dam and trashrack to

produce a 20-cubic-foot-per-second (cfs) flow to attract/convey outmigrating Atlantic salmon smolts safely past the project. The flow would discharge into a 3-foot-deep plunge pool to be constructed on the bedrock falls below the discharge. To further ensure efficient operation of the passage facility, 18 feet of the east edge of the dam would be capped with concrete to cover the exposed bedrock. The remaining 74 feet of the dam would retain the 2-foot-high flashboards. The downstream fish passage facility would be operated annually from April 1 through June 15. The staff prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the action. In the EA, staff concludes that approval of the licensee's plan would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the EA are available for review in the Reference and Information Center, Room 3308, of the Commission's offices at 941 North Capitol Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

June 5, 1995.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference will be convened in these proceedings on June 12, 1995 at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 810 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C., 20426, for the purpose of exploring the possible settlement of the issues in this proceeding.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

For additional information, contact Marc G. Denkinger (202) 208-2215 or Arnold H. Meltz (202) 208-2161.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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